

REMARKS

Receipt of the Office Action of December 4, 2006 is gratefully acknowledged.


The objection to the drawings is noted. In reply thereto, Replacement Sheets are submitted herewith to change the German terms to their English equivalent.

The allowance of claims 11, 13-16 and 18-20 is noted.

The rejection of claims 12 and 17 as indefinite under 35 USC 112, second paragraph is also noted. In reply thereto, claims 12 and 17 have been amended to remove the alternate ranges. These have been placed in further dependent claims. This procedure was approved by the examiner in a telephone conference with the undersigned today.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration is respectfully requested and claims 11-26 allowed.

Respectfully submitted,
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